

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 21, 2003.

Claims 1-14 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 1-14 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1-14 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§102 and §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 3-7 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chinnaswami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,449,475).

Claims 2 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chinnaswami.

Applicant submits that the independent claims (claims 1, 3-6, 13 and 14) are patentable over Chinnaswami.

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward the retrieval of personal information concerning a caller associated with a caller number. Each of the claims specifies that "said personal information includes information other than the name and address of said caller associated with said caller number."

Chinnaswami does not disclose retrieving personal information concerning a caller associated with a caller number wherein the personal information includes information other than the caller's name and address. Accordingly, Applicant

submits that claims 1, 3-6, 13 and 14 are patentable over Chinnaswami on at least this basis.

Claim 2 depends on claim 1. Since claim 1 is believed to be patentable over Chinnaswami, claim 2 is believed to be patentable over Chinnaswami on the basis of its dependency on claim 1.

Claims 7-12 depend on claim 6. Since claim 6 is believed to be patentable over Chinnaswami, claims 7-12 are believed to be patentable over Chinnaswami on the basis of their dependency on claim 6.

Applicant submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions,
he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit
any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account
No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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